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**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered, prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application.

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 41, 43 and 44 as follows:

41. The biopharmaceutical product cryopreservation system of claim 1, wherein at least one nucleating structure comprises a plurality of nucleating structures.

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